

STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

ON-SITE SYSTEMS ADVISORY BOARD
89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901
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Monthly Meeting Minutes
For April 6, 2016

Members Present: Byron Jefferson, Lāf Erickson, Ken Walsh, Dave Schepens, Gerry Desmond, Tom Ryan, David Austin, Matt Brill

Also Present: DNREC staff: Dawn Dryden, Scott Eichholz, Roy Heineman
Members of Public: Mary Jane Gonzalez, Gary Gonzalez, Mark Kondellis, Paul Collins; Raymond Brotherton

- ❖ Meeting began at 9:15 a.m.
- ❖ Ken made a motion to accept the amended agenda items; Tom seconded, all approved.
- ❖ March 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes reviewed; Ken made a motion to approve; Gerry seconded, all approved.
- ❖ License Applications:

<i>Applicant Name</i>	<i>License Type</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Motion By</i>	<i>2nd By</i>	<i>All In Agreement</i>
Timothy Robinson	F	X		Tom	Gerry	X
Omer Mansfield	F	X		Tom	Gerry	X
Dale Carruth	F	X		Tom	Gerry	X
Thomas Brown	F	X		Tom	Gerry	X
Jacob Hollard	F	X*		Tom	Gerry	X
Glenn Cole	F	X		Tom	Gerry	X
Josh Langreder	H	X		Gerry	Matt	X
John Vannicola	H	X		Gerry	Tom	X
Anthony Konrad	H	X		Gerry	Ken	X
Gregory Scott	I	X		Gerry	Matt	X
Kimberly Yaniatis	I	X		Gerry	Ken	X

* Gerry Desmond abstained from the vote

- ❖ Owner complaint (Mary Jane & Gary Gonzalez) - Byron explained reasoning for requested appearance; Byron read minutes from March meeting; Byron read owner complaint from Mrs. Gonzalez; Mrs. Gonzalez stated that Mr. Collins had an electrician install a timer in January; Ken asked Mr. Collins if he had installed timers and alarms on the other LPP's in the development; Mr. Collins explained that once the houses were powered with electric he would install; Mr. Collins also explained that a timer was not installed by his electrician at the Gonzalez home; Mr. Collins explained that he does not do the final grading; Gerry asked how they pressure test a system; Mr. Collins responded that he uses a generator to pressure test; Mrs. Gonzalez stated that Mr. Collins should have known when they moved into the home that a timer was not installed; Mr. Collins stated that he split the cost with the Gonzalez's to replace the pump which had gone bad; Ken explained that Mr. Collins should have installed the timer in the panel in compliance with current regulations; Mr. Gonzalez questioned the location of the timer on a wooden board; Mr. Collins agreed he would replace the timer; Laf asked if any possibility soil could have been added during final grading; Mr. Collins responded that he didn't believe soil had been added however he couldn't be certain; Byron explained the engineers report doesn't mention the information about timer which should have been noted however there is no specific location on report; Ken suggested that Mr. Collins educate the home owners on the systems he installs; Dave offered simply septic brochures to Mr. Collins for future reference; Laf asked if Mr. Collins and Mr. Brotherton were onsite at the same time; Mr. Collins confirmed that they were onsite at the same time; Mr. Brotherton stated that he signs the engineers report and forwards it to the contractor; Mr. Brotherton confirmed his signature on the engineers report; Mrs. Gonzalez asked how they will know if system is installed correctly; Gerry explained a certificate of completion was submitted and approved by the GWDS; Ken asked Mr. Collins when he intends to make the changes at the Gonzalez property; Ken also explained that the Board could not force him to do the work however if he fails to do the work, Mrs. Gonzalez would return to the Board and Board could recommend a disciplinary action at that time; Ken explained that this matter could be considered a civil matter; Mr. Gonzalez asked how they would know if Mr. Collins will provide them with accurate information regarding the functioning of their system; Ken explained that they could have an inspection done; Laf asked Mr. Brotherton if he inspected all the LPP's in the development; Mr. Brotherton responded that most of the timers were installed; Mrs. Gonzalez asked why her property is the only one with a small red lights on; Byron and Gerry explained that the red light will be eliminated when Mr. Collins makes the agreed changes; Mr. Collins agreed to replace the timer asap; Mr. Collins will contact Jim Cassidy at the Georgetown office; Mr. Collins stated that the homeowners do not have any education on system maintenance; Ken suggested that Mr. Collins create a handout and forward to his contracted builder to forward to new homeowners; Mr. & Mrs. Gonzalez, Paul Collins and Raymond Brotherton left the meeting @ 10:45; no action taken at this time.

❖ Continued Education Training:

- Raymond Absher (Class A, E #4230)
 - Introduction to Auto Cad - 10 hours -- *Denied*
- DOWRA
 - Forum on Restoration Practices and Inspections - 1 hour -- *Approved, 1 hour, all licenses*
- Gerry Desmond (Class B,E,F,H #4570)
 - Confined Space SCBA (De Rural Water) - 6 hours - *Approved, 6 hours, all licenses*

- ❖ DJS - discussion of fees: Dave Schepens presented draft proposed fees schedule; Dave explained that the GWDS lost three positions since 2009 including two Environmental Control Technician positions and one Administrative Specialist position; Dave explained that the fees will go to the GWDS not a general fund; Dave explained that presentation is the first public outreach with the Board; Matt made a motion to in favor of the increase of the existing fees and the new fees as presented, Dave Austin seconded, all agreed. (Dave Schepens abstained from the vote).

❖ Enforcement:

- None to date

- ❖ Next scheduled meeting on May 4, 2016.

- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



Prepared By Dawn Dryden



Approved By Byron Jefferson

